

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Applicants elect Group I drawn to an optical component for a light-emitting element, on which claims 16, 25, and 38-39 read, for continued prosecution without traverse. Applicants note that claims 19-20 were listed by the Examiner as also reading on Group I, however, these claims were canceled in a previous reply. Additionally, all non-elected claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in this reply.

Applicants believe this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 15115.005001).

Respectfully submitted,

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